

February 16, 2004
Regular Meeting

Minutes

Members Present: 4

Members Absent: 1

Brent Hunter- Vice-Chairman
Roger Evans - Commissioner
Johnny Myers- Commissioner
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Lloyd Davis- Chairman

Others Present:

Cecil E. Wood, County Manager/Clerk to the Board
James Graham, County Attorney
Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board

Vice Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order. Attorney Graham led the invocation. Vice Chairman informed everyone that Weslee Glenn from Forbush High School would not be here due to the weather. Mr. Glenn will lead the pledge of allegiance at the March 8th meeting.

Public Hearing- Zoning

Kim Bates, Zoning Supervisor, presented a petition for Sabrina' Drive @Old 421, Hamptonville, requesting the zoning be changed from Highway Business to Rural Agriculture.

Vice Chairman Hunter closed the public hearing.

Public comments

Vice Chairman Hunter asked for public comments. There were none.

Minutes

*Commissioner Evans made the motion to approve the minutes for January 15th, January 30th and February 2nd. Commissioner Swaim seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Water- Presentation of Business Plan

Tom Frederick, Arcadia- FPS, presented a business plan concerning the development of a water system. There was a review of the capacities and capabilities of each town's water system in

the county. It was noted that each town produces high quality water and at present each system is in good financial condition. Mr. Frederick pointed out that the Town of Yadkinville may be limited in supplying water to the county due to the state regulatory agency restricting Yadkinville's ability to add new lines to their system. It has been determined that under present growth rates and the addition of anticipated county lines, Yadkin County will need an additional one million gallons of water daily by 2007. Mr. Frederick discussed several different opportunities for the county to develop this additional capacity, but pointed out that the most cost effective and efficient method of providing the additional million gallons of water would be for the towns and county to work cooperatively. Mr. Frederick reviewed with the Board several management options which would encourage this cooperation.

The Business Plan also included financial information on what would be necessary for the system to be financially sound. Present calculations revealed that if water rates are kept competitive with surrounding areas, the proposed system would have a deficit of approximately \$600,000 per year for at least the first five years. It was pointed out that there are several funding options available to cover this deficit and the county should proceed with efforts to obtain these grant funds. Mr. Frederick congratulated the Board on their efforts to this point and stated everyone should recognize the interest the county has in developing a water system.

Finance-Audit

Toye Payne, Dixon Odom, presented the 2003 audit. She pointed out that this is the county's first audit under the new GASB 34 regulations. Ms. Payne explained the differences in the new auditing standards. The audit now gives information which is more in conformity with a standard business balance sheet, but still gives information based on normal governmental fund accounting. During the review of the audit, the Auditor pointed out general fund expenses and revenue collections and compared our revenue collections with the state and similar group levels. Ms Payne also presented the management letter providing recommendations to improve the financial operations of Yadkin County.

The Board thanked Ms. Payne for her presentation.

Vice Chairman Hunter called for a break.

NW Piedmont Workforce Development- board appointment

*Commissioner Myers made the motion to table this item for 30 days. Commissioner Evans seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Resolution- Abandoned Cemeteries

RESOLUTION
ABANDONED CEMETERIES AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS;

The abandoned cemeteries of Yadkin County constitute a valuable part of Yadkin County's cultural heritage, and whereas

There are approximately 500 abandoned cemeteries in Yadkin County, and whereas

These cemeteries are no longer used for burial, and whereas

Some of these cemeteries are maintained by the citizens of Yadkin County and others outside the county, and whereas

Most of these cemeteries are not being maintained and subject to wanton desecration and destruction, and whereas

The North Carolina General Assembly has directed every county in North Carolina to establish a record of abandoned cemeteries, and whereas

Carl C. Hoots made the initial survey of cemeteries in Yadkin County and published a record of the same, and whereas

The Yadkin County Historical Society is now locating many additional abandoned cemeteries and recording the information located on gravestones in these cemeteries.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED;

That the abandoned cemeteries of Yadkin County are considered a valuable part of Yadkin County's cultural heritage,

That the efforts of citizens in and out of the county maintain these cemeteries are commendable,

That the wanton desecration and destruction of these cemeteries is deplorable,

That the efforts of Carl C. Hoots and the Yadkin County Historical Society to locate these cemeteries and record the information in them is appreciated,

That the citizens of Yadkin County are encouraged to support the efforts of the Yadkin County Historical Society to locate these cemeteries, including the abandoned cemeteries of Native Americans, slave and free Persons of Color, pioneer families, churches and other private burial grounds, including those cemeteries that have already been destroyed.

That March 2004 be declared Abandoned Cemetery Awareness Month in Yadkin County.

s/ _____

Lloyd Davis, Chairman

s/ _____

Cecil E. Wood, County Manager

*Commissioner Evans made the motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Myers seconded.

The Board voted 4-0.

Citizen concern- Brady Wooten

Mr. Wooten asked to be removed from the agenda because he wants all Board members present.

Allen Sneed, Yadkinville, addressed the Board concerning the house on Caudle Mill Road. He expressed his concerns with the house being used as a fund raiser.

The Board discussed how they obtained the house. The buyer of the house will have to qualify under HUD requirements and anything above the price will go back into the Habitant for Humanity building projects.

Tax Administration-refunds, adjustments and advertising

NAME	YEAR	COUNTY TAX	FIRE TAX/CODE	TOTAL
Michael Pardue 1048 Graylyn Dr. Hamptonville, N.C. 27018 Bill of Sale on mh	2003	\$66.92	\$8.11 A	\$75.03

*Commissioner Evans made the motion to approve the tax adjustments and refunds. Commissioner Swaim seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

*Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the advertising of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property. Commissioner Myers seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Cable Vision- Yadkin Valley Telecom

*Commissioner Evans made the motion to grant Yadkin Valley Telecom a non-exclusive franchise to offer cable television. Commissioner Myers seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Evans inquired about a junkyard on Patterson Mill Road.

Mr. Adams responded this is an on going situation and the owner has been cited. He is scheduled to go to court on February 25th.

Commissioner Evans stated he received a phone call regarding the tax value of a double-wide.

Mr. Wood stated he would check on this issue.

Commissioner Evans inquired about delinquent taxes. Commissioner Evans read the names of delinquent taxpayers.

Attorney Graham stated his office is following procedures in collecting these taxes.

Commissioner Swaim inquired about signs on the new Hwy 421 for Swan Creek Road. There are no signs giving directions on how to get to Swan Creek Road.

Commissioner Swaim informed the Board about a ditch on Center Road, east of Hwy 77, which will not carry water. This area is causing a lot of problems.

Sheriff Cain stated he spoke with DOT about the problem and they are supposed to repair the area.

Commissioner Myers discussed the water business plan.

Vice Chairman Hunter stated the business plan's success will depend on the cooperation of the towns and the county together.

*Vice Chairman Hunter made the motion to adopt the resolution in support of stronger penalties for offenders that sell and manufacture methamphetamine. Commissioner Swaim seconded.

The Board voted 4-0.

RESOLUTION
URGING STRONGER PENALTIES FOR OFFENDERS THAT SELL
AND MANUFACTURE METHAMPHETAMINE
IN NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the use, sale and manufacture of methamphetamine is becoming more evident in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the operation of manufacturing methamphetamine poses extreme danger, not only to children who may inhabit the premises, but to law enforcement officers and firemen who may be called to the scene; and

WHEREAS, the availability of methamphetamine drugs to be completely eradicated through all means possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners urge that the North Carolina Legislature to adopt laws that impose stronger penalties for offenders who operate clandestine methamphetamine labs, and for the sale and/or offer for sale of methamphetamine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adequate state and federal funding for law enforcement agencies be a top priority in the Legislature and that fire departments have availability to grants and other sources in

order to maintain necessary equipment for dealing with the dangers posed by dealing with methamphetamine labs.

Duly adopted this the 16th day of February 2004.

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Commissioner Myers inquired about problems with the communication system.

Mr. Branon stated he has worked on the complaints received from Courtney; he found no problems.

Commissioner Evans reported on problems in the Forbush area.

Mr. Branon stated he is aware of the problem. The problem seems to be interruption of another line off the cell tower. Also the use of wrong lines/ for transmittal.

Mr. Wood added he rode through Courtney and the communication tests were successful.

Manager comments

Mr. Wood reminded the Board of the meeting with Roger Davis, Rural Development, on February 18th. The Board will meet with the Planning Board on February 19th.

Mr. Wood discussed the sewer connection fees. He would like the Board to consider making some changes.

Mr. Wood informed the Board that he met with the Environmental Health staff and discussed the fees. The staff will discuss the changes with the Board of Health and report back to the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Wood explained the fund balance and the QZAB bonds.

*Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the zoning request for Brenda Cheek on Sabrina's Drive. Commissioner Myers seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

*Commissioner Evans made the motion to adopt a resolution supporting Durham County's efforts related to county impact fees. Commissioner Swaim seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF DURHAM COUNTY RELATED TO COUNTY IMPACT FEES

WHEREAS, the NCACC Board of Directors has been notified that the Durham County Board of Commissioners has adopted an impact fee ordinance for funding public school capital costs, under N.C.G.S. 153A-102; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S.153A-102 enables county boards of commissioners to fix the fees and commissions charged by counties for performing services or duties permitted or required by law; and

WHEREAS, county boards of commissioners are required by law to fund school capital costs under N.C.G.S.115C-521(b), 115C-249(e), 115C-522(c); and

WHEREAS, the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners recognizes the right of the Durham County Board of Commissioners to take such actions, resulting in the adoption of said ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners , are asked to distribute this resolution to all North Carolina counties requesting counties and our local legislators, requesting support for the Durham County Board of Commissioners' efforts in these areas.

Adopted this 16th day of February, 2004, in Yadkin County, North Carolina.

s/ _____
Chairman,
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Myers opened the floor to perspective candidates for commissioner to introduce themselves.

Chad Wagoner of East Bend and Kim Clark Phillips, Wyo, indicated their intention to file for commissioner.

*Commissioner Swaim made the motion to change the meetings in March to the 2nd and 4th Mondays, also changed the date of the public hearing from March 15th to March 22nd.
Commissioner Evans seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Vice-Chairman Hunter stated he would not be here for the March 8th meeting. He will be out of town with his daughter's eighth grade class.

Recess

*Commissioner Myers made the motion to recess the meeting until February 18th at 10:00 a.m.
Commissioner Evans seconded. **The Board voted 4-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board